

Foreign Language Academy

Spanish * Russian



The benefits of learning another language

A whole new world...

Exposure to another language is beneficial to address communication challenges within today's global society. Learning a world language provides a competitive edge in career choice for today's student. What's more - the study of a foreign

language results in cognitive benefits, gains in academic achievement, and positive attitudes towards diversity!

Experts Agree

Early learning results in better pronunciation and higher levels of proficiency.

The majority of foreign language programs in the U.S. don't start until middle school, which skips over the years experts say children are especially wired to learn.

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FILL OUT APPLICATION(S)

*MUST provide a valid email address

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WAIT FOR SELECTIONS

ELA and behavior backgrounds checked

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EMAIL & PHONE VALIDATION

You will be contacted by 08/18 or earlier



Building Blocks

Lessons are scaffolded every week, with home and school practice



Culturally Aware

Students learn about culture as well as language



Learn Naturally

Students will gain language skills through creative play as well as drills

Español (Spanish)

With about 329 million native speakers, Spanish is the second most commonly spoken language in the world after English. According to the Association of Spanish Language Academies, the U.S. will be the largest Spanish speaking country by 2050. Learning Spanish can help boost vocabulary by familiarizing learners with English words that have Latin roots. Maximo is one of the few schools in the county that is part of the SPLASH (Spanish Language at School and Home) program.

Русский (Russian)

Americans tend to gravitate towards other Western languages like French and Spanish due to their familiarity, but learning Russian is not as difficult as some may think. The truth is that the Cyrillic alphabet shares many letters with English, and every single letter has consistent, predictable pronunciation. The language as a whole is very musical and organized. Because so few people in the U.S. study Russian, knowing even a little bit is extremely valuable and really sets speakers apart from non-speakers. In fact, Maximo is the **ONLY** school in the entire county (middle and high school included) that offers Russian!



WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR MAXIMO'S FOREIGN LANGUAGE ACADEMY?

All students in grades 3-5 are invited to apply. Only 15 students will be accepted into each section.

Students may apply for both languages. Both sections are free of cost.

Students are expected to demonstrate a sincere interest in their language(s) of choice, and be willing to practice at home for a minimum of 10 minutes a day.

Families must provide a working email that is checked often, as classwork, home practice, and scheduling changes will all be communicated through email. Because each week builds upon the skills and vocabulary learned in the previous week, families must also be willing to assist students at home with their practice and ensure that their child regularly attends lessons.

